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FIELD ACTIVITY

Water Supply (Gerald Heston)

- Water deliveries continued today.

Water Sampling (Gerald Heston)

- Three (3) residences will be sampled today. One resident's well became silty during the purging process suggesting it would be pumped dry so purging was stopped. The sampling team asked the resident if this well had ever been pumped dry and the resident replied no. None of the other wells in the study had been reported to have been pumped dry. Sampling of this residence will be rescheduled.
- The EPA Region III laboratory at Fort Meade indicated that it will perform analyses for all glycols with the exception of ethylene glycol (which it is unable to perform). Arrangements have been made for a subcontracted private laboratory to provide analyses for all of the glycols, including ethylene glycol. An additional private laboratory will also provide analysis only for ethylene glycol. This approach will provide glycol results from two laboratories for comparison thus improving quality assurance.

Community Outreach (Helen Duteau)

- The CIC and OSC team completed one (1) outstanding home well survey today. Fact Sheet distribution has been completed.
- The communications team in the region is working with Incident Command to draft a communications strategy on how the sampling results will be released and communicated to the residents and public. A preliminary draft strategy is due for internal review on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.
- Alex Mandell (CIC) is deploying tomorrow evening to take photographs of EPA's sampling activities on Friday, January 27. The photos will be posted on the EPA website to help document and educate the public on EPA's work. The CIC has been tasked to write a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) fact sheet to post on the website and distribute to all homes being sampled. The purpose of the FAQ is to address, in advance of our sampling appointments, the frequently asked questions being received from the residents during the sampling activities.
- On Thursday, January 26, the CIC will be on site for the residential sampling at the [REDACTED] home. This resident previously wrote EPA an email expressing concerns about our activities and requesting information about our sampling plan. The CIC is working with the Incident Commander on a written response to that email. The OSC also plans to answer this resident's questions in person during the sampling event.

Communications

- The region is editing its desk statement to address points made by Cabot in its new press release. This revised desk statement will be forwarded to headquarters for review. (Mick Kulik)
- The region has identified leads to serve as single points of contact for external and internal requests for information. (Kathy Hodgkiss)

Legal Issues

- Cabot's counsel has not replied to our call regarding setting up a meeting they had requested. Our attorney reached out to Amy Barrette yesterday. (Humane Zia)

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